

**MINUTES**  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014  
TRAINING ROOM  
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B  
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA  
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Watanuki, Vice Chair Vuppala, Commissioners Smith, Nguyen-Cleary, Kwan, Iyer, Hoffman, Dhami, Dewan

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of May 19, 2014

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dhami to accept the minutes from May 19, 2014. The motion was approved and so ordered.*

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 HRC Strategic Planning

Staff is requested the Commission provide direction on how frequently it wished to review its strategic plan timeline. Options included:

- a) Review the timeline monthly as a standing agenda item.
- b) Review the timeline quarterly as an agenda item
- c) Review the timeline on an as-needed basis based on updates resulting from committee reports and agenda items.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Iyer to review the timeline on an as needed basis based on updates resulting from committee reports and agenda items. The motion was approved and so ordered.*

## 9.2 San Francisco Pride Parade

The next San Francisco Pride Parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 29, 2014. The Commission has committed to leading a contingent that includes a 14-foot flatbed truck, which requires extensive setup, decoration and coordination. The Commission has registered and paid its entry fee. The Commission has collected \$1,000 in donation and expects an additional \$500, based on commitments, which would completely cover the cost of participating.

The City Council will read a “Pride Month” proclamation on June 17, 2014. Commissioners Iyer, Dhami and Dewan will be accepting the proclamation on behalf of the Commission.

The Commissioners committed to various tasks that needed to be completed for the parade:

Commissioner Dhami – will ask Costco for donations  
Commissioner Smith – will ask Whole Foods for donations

The design for the float will have the same side panels as previous year. The back panel will be painted white by MaryLou Johnson and Commissioner Kwan.

Commissioners requested that staff send an ask letter to give to potential donors

## 9.3 Film Screening: Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine

Item tabled until further notice.

## 10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action)

### 10.1 Downtown Fremont Presentation

Alina Kwak and Jessica Van Borck from the City Manager’s Office presented the City’s vision for the new Downtown development and the progress that has been made to date.

In discussing the presentation, the Commissioners expressed concern over where the FRC will be located in the downtown model. Chair Watanuki said she would email Jessica Van Borck with this question.

### 10.2 Promoting Economic Security and Success Committee – Report and Request for Adoption of Principles Regarding the Issue of Affordable Housing.

The Promoting Economic Security and Success Committee presented a report based on their work reviewing the issue of affordable housing in Fremont. They requested the Commission receive the report and adopt some broad principles on the issue of affordable housing.

*A motion was made by the Promoting Economic Security and Success Commissioners, John Nguyen-Cleary, Debra Watanuki and Dharminder Dewan, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to adopt the following policy statements:*

*•The Commission recognizes that the existing City of Fremont Inclusionary Housing ordinance and California “Boomerang Funds” are insufficient to develop necessary revenue to support affordable housing in Fremont; therefore, the Commission supports the establishment of additional revenue models to account for the full impact of development in the city on housing.’*

*•‘The Commission recognizes that market forces are contributing to a net decline in available and accessible affordable housing in Fremont, despite efforts to build new affordable rental housing; therefore, the Commission calls for actions that support retention of/and accessibility to existing affordable rental housing.’*

*The motion was approved and so ordered.*

11. **COMMISSION REFERRALS** (Referrals from the City Council to the Commission)

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Promoting Economic Security and Success

**No update:** Commissioners Hoffman, Nguyen-Cleary and Dewan, work to promote economic security and success, by implementing the following strategies:

- a. Bridging the Economic Gap
- c. Providing Affordable Housing

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive committee report on any non-action items.

12.2 Celebrating Diversity and Promoting Civic Engagement of the Community and Youth

**No update -** Chair Watanuki, Commissioners Iyer and Smith work to celebrate diversity and promote civic engagement of the community and youth, by implementing the following strategies:

- a. Engaging Youth
- b. Advocating and Educating the Community and Youth about the RHC

c. Supporting and Promoting the Diversity of Fremont

12.3 Providing Safety-Net Services for At-Risk Populations

**No update** - Commissioners Kwan, Dhami, and Vuppala work to provide safety net Services for at-risk populations, by implementing the following strategies:

13. **STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. **REFERRALS TO STAFF** (a request to have items placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Iyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The motion was approved and so ordered.*